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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 March 2005.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 08 February 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The amendment overcomes the objection to the drawings made in the last Office action.

Specification

The objection to the specification is withdrawn in view of the amendment to the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The amendment overcomes the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 made in the last Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 has been withdrawn in view of Applicant's response.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsai (US 6,065,696) in view of Chang (US 6,676,050). Tsai discloses a dual function paper shredder including:

1. a top cover (2);
2. a base (3);
3. a paper insertion opening (11) or opening (11) for a shredder (30, Figure 1);
4. an opening (12) for a stripper (32, Figure 1) capable of a compact disc insertion;
6. an electric motor (20); Tsai's disclosure of a motor for his paper shredder is considered to inherently disclose an electric motor;
7. a decelerator (21, 31, 33);
8. two cutting tool sets (30, 32).
9. two sets of cutting blades with peripherally mounted with bayonet-like cutting edges (30; Figure 1); and
10. two cylindrical rotary cutters (32).

Tsai discloses substantially all of the claimed structure including two openings for two sets of rotary cutters with the exception of specific recitation of one of the openings directing a compact disc to a compact disc breaking rotary cutters. In a closely related art, Chang discloses a paper shredder with two openings with one of the openings directing a compact disc to a compact disc breaking rotary cutters in order to have one opening for a paper and the other for a compact disc. Therefore, it would have been

obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to provide Tsai with one of the openings directing a compact disc to a compact disc breaking rotary cutters in order to have one opening for a paper and the other for a compact disc as taught by Chang.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on March 7, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

With regard to the claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 over Tsai in view of Chang, in response to applicant's arguments against the references individually, one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.*, 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986). Applicant argues against Tsai or Chang only, when the rejection is based on the combined reference of Tsai and Chang.

With regard to Tsai, Applicant argues that "a paper shredder cannot be presumed to be robust enough to be able to shatter compact discs. Moreover, the dimensions of a paper inlet are not typically large enough to receive a compact disc." However, Tsai's second opening (12) for "compact disc" is for cutting a large number of paper sheets at once (column 1, lines 15-20). Therefore, it is reasonable to consider Tsai's cutting tool under the second opening (12) to be robust enough to be able to shatter compact discs because it is capable of cutting a large number of paper sheets.

Furthermore, Tsai's second opening (12) is large enough to receive a compact disc because it is capable of receiving a large number of paper sheets.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Y Pahng whose telephone number is 571 272 4522. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on 571 272 4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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